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**From:** Benning, Brad [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F5B844A4F89C467E945DB2D3778E0008-BBENNING]  
**Sent:** 9/27/2018 2:42:51 PM  
**To:** Faryan, Steve [faryan.steven@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: SH Bell

Anytime today

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**From:** Faryan, Steve  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 9:38 AM  
**To:** Benning, Brad <benning.bradley@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: SH Bell

Brad,  
Whats a good time to call to discuss SHBell?

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**From:** Benning, Brad  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 1:28 PM  
**To:** Faryan, Steve <[faryan.steven@epa.gov](mailto:faryan.steven@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up from interveiw

I've got enough pre-paid envelops here for this group, I can get them out today.

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**From:** Faryan, Steve  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 1:24 PM  
**To:** Benning, Brad <[benning.bradley@epa.gov](mailto:benning.bradley@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up from interveiw

I will process letters tomorrow sorry was on primary and covered backup Monday. Was busy

Steve Faryan USEPA

On Sep 26, 2018, at 1:22 PM, Benning, Brad <[benning.bradley@epa.gov](mailto:benning.bradley@epa.gov)> wrote:

Steve,  
Hope you're feeling better.  
Mike put in a generic answer, he's going to call Heriberto if anything else is needed. Conf. call with Brian Cooper soon to discuss how to start putting data on the viewer without identifying locations. I guess the raw data in scribe is a mess for them to access, may need some work from Rachel. Did you process those last group of letters that Rachel sent on the 18<sup>th</sup>? Can't wait to hear how this meeting went today with the Senators.

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**From:** Faryan, Steve  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 1:03 PM  
**To:** Benning, Brad <[benning.bradley@epa.gov](mailto:benning.bradley@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up from interveiw

Brad,

I am schedule to see the Doc this afternoon and on sick leave. Can you take a look. I will review tomorrow.

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**From:** Ribordy, Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:39 AM  
**To:** Leon, Heriberto <[leon.heriberto@epa.gov](mailto:leon.heriberto@epa.gov)>; Faryan, Steve <[faryan.steven@epa.gov](mailto:faryan.steven@epa.gov)>; Benning, Brad <[benning.bradley@epa.gov](mailto:benning.bradley@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up from interveiw

Brad and Steve, I started this, see responses in blue. Please quickly add/modify/change as you see fit.

Mike Ribordy, Chief  
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**From:** Leon, Heriberto  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 9:18 AM  
**To:** Ribordy, Michael <[ribordy.mike@epa.gov](mailto:ribordy.mike@epa.gov)>; Faryan, Steve <[faryan.steven@epa.gov](mailto:faryan.steven@epa.gov)>; Benning, Brad <[benning.bradley@epa.gov](mailto:benning.bradley@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up from interveiw

Regarding the next to last question (Can you send us a clear list for where your office is at with it's findings, important info we need to know, and a timeline for how the EPA is moving forward?) Do we have any information regarding "next steps" other than "the Agency will complete a report to determine next steps"?

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**From:** Ribordy, Michael  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 3:54 PM  
**To:** Faryan, Steve <[faryan.steven@epa.gov](mailto:faryan.steven@epa.gov)>; Benning, Brad <[benning.bradley@epa.gov](mailto:benning.bradley@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Leon, Heriberto <[leon.heriberto@epa.gov](mailto:leon.heriberto@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Follow up from interveiw

Brad and Steve, can you please work with Heriberto in answer as many of the question as you can with a deadline of noon tomorrow. Thanks

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**From:** Borries, Samuel

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 3:45 PM

**To:** Ribordy, Michael <[ribordy.mike@epa.gov](mailto:ribordy.mike@epa.gov)>; Faryan, Steve <[faryan.steven@epa.gov](mailto:faryan.steven@epa.gov)>; Benning, Brad <[benning.bradley@epa.gov](mailto:benning.bradley@epa.gov)>; Leon, Heriberto <[leon.heriberto@epa.gov](mailto:leon.heriberto@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Follow up from interview

Not sure who will be answering these questions but please see below and try to answer as many as possible that relate to SF. Please send your responses to Jeff Kelley. Thanks.

Sam Borries  
Chief, Emergency Response Branch 2  
USEPA Region 5, Superfund Division  
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**From:** Ballotti, Doug

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 2:32 PM

**To:** Borries, Samuel <[borries.samuel@epa.gov](mailto:borries.samuel@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Follow up from interview

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Kelley, Jeff" <[kelley.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:kelley.jeff@epa.gov)>

**Date:** September 25, 2018 at 2:26:46 PM CDT

**To:** "Cantello, Nicole" <[cantello.nicole@epa.gov](mailto:cantello.nicole@epa.gov)>, "Cannon, Phillippa" <[Cannon.Phillippa@epa.gov](mailto:Cannon.Phillippa@epa.gov)>, "Miller, Patrick" <[miller.patrick@epa.gov](mailto:miller.patrick@epa.gov)>, "Faryan, Steve" <[faryan.steven@epa.gov](mailto:faryan.steven@epa.gov)>, "Benning, Brad" <[benning.bradley@epa.gov](mailto:benning.bradley@epa.gov)>, "Singer, Joshua" <[Singer.Joshua@epa.gov](mailto:Singer.Joshua@epa.gov)>, "Leon, Heriberto" <[leon.heriberto@epa.gov](mailto:leon.heriberto@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** "Ballotti, Doug" <[ballotti.douglas@epa.gov](mailto:ballotti.douglas@epa.gov)>, "Thiede, Kurt" <[thiede.kurt@epa.gov](mailto:thiede.kurt@epa.gov)>, "Deamer, Eileen" <[deamer.eileen@epa.gov](mailto:deamer.eileen@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Follow up from interview

Since Cathy and Kurt are meeting with Sens. Durbin and Duckworth on this issue tomorrow afternoon, could we get answers to as many of these questions as possible by noon tomorrow?

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**Jeff Kelley**

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**From:** Leon, Heriberto

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:27 AM

**To:** Cantello, Nicole <[cantello.nicole@epa.gov](mailto:cantello.nicole@epa.gov)>; Cannon, Phillippa <[Cannon.Phillippa@epa.gov](mailto:Cannon.Phillippa@epa.gov)>; Miller, Patrick <[miller.patrick@epa.gov](mailto:miller.patrick@epa.gov)>; Faryan, Steve <[faryan.steven@epa.gov](mailto:faryan.steven@epa.gov)>; Benning, Brad <[benning.bradley@epa.gov](mailto:benning.bradley@epa.gov)>; Singer, Joshua <[Singer.Joshua@epa.gov](mailto:Singer.Joshua@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Follow up from interview

I'm forwarding the email below just FYI. It is from a community activist that we interviewed for the SH Bell CIP. We typically list community's questions and concerns when we write the CIP, and I will add these questions to many others we gathered during our interviews. At times we may offer limited answers given that questions and concerns are often outside the scope of Superfund or the EPA.

As far as the invitation to their October 7 event, I would recommend simply updating the website as much as possible, and simply referring Ms. Koval and others to it prior to their event. Since the email was also directed to Michelle Colledge, I can work with her to beef up health-related information for the website if needed.

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**From:** Kate Koval [<mailto:kateirenekoval@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 1:06 PM

**To:** Leon, Heriberto <[leon.heriberto@epa.gov](mailto:leon.heriberto@epa.gov)>; Colledge, Michelle <[Colledge.Michelle@epa.gov](mailto:Colledge.Michelle@epa.gov)>

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**Subject:** Follow up from interview

Hello Heriberto!

I am writing to follow up with the list of questions from our interview. I have included Michelle Colledge since many of our questions have to do with health impacts and she is listed as that contact on the Manganese info sheet. I have also included our core group of community organizers, our alderwoman's office and 2 lawyers that we work with since we are all invested in the answers to these questions. Can you please work with your colleagues to get back to us with the answers? We really appreciate the work you are doing with our community to ensure we are safe from heavy metals that could effect the development of our children's cognitive and physical well being.

Best,

Kate Koval

- How has Region 5 communicated with the EPA workers who handled the East Liverpool situation? Have you all seen the research (if not it is [HERE](#) and attached to this email). Is that being used as a jumping off point and if it's not how do we incorporate that case into our own case here? (It is my understanding that there were both representatives from Region 5 and Region 3 working in East Liverpool per our conversation)
- With the June data, the long-term average since SH Bell began monitoring is down to 0.164 ug/m<sup>3</sup>. This long-term average is still higher than the manganese air levels in East Liverpool during the health study that found impacts to IQ (the long-term level there was 0.14 ug/m<sup>3</sup>). How does this information inform the EPA Region 5 work in our neighborhood? Can it expedite the process to halt operations, stop the handling of the toxic product, whatever needs to be done to ensure the children are not being effected???
- How will the EPA communicate with the community, the local healthcare clinics, Department of Public Health, etc. what symptoms to be looking for, what to test for, etc for manganese exposure? Who will incur the costs of testing, appointments, copays, etc? What does this process look like?
- As the testing of soil continues and high levels of lead are found- how will that be handled?
- What will happen when there are dangerous levels of manganese and/or lead found? How do we get SH Bell to cease operations until it can be assured that there is no health risk to residents?
- How can we ensure that other companies don't end up doing the same thing? Can the EPA force the City to impose a ban/moratorium?
- Has the EPA notified OSHA? Has OSHA gotten involved?
- How can we ensure that other companies are not doing the same thing? What is the status of requiring metals monitors at other manganese-handling facilities? When will EPA test the soil near other manganese-handling facilities?
- Can you send us a clear list for where your office is at with it's findings, important info we need to know, and a timeline for how the EPA is moving forward?
- We are having a community event on October 7th from 1PM to 6PM at La Michoacana (the ice cream I told you to check out)- if would be great if you can make it, but if you can't can you send us any bilingual print materials you have and can you make sure we have answers to the majority of these questions by then because I am sure community members will be asking for an update.

Thank you so much!